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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER VISITS DELHI

1. THE COMMUNIQUE AND INDIAN PRESS PLAYED UP INDIA AND NEW ZEALAND'S COMMON SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT AND AN END TO NUCLEAR TESTING DURING PRIMEMINISTER KIRK'S DECEMBER 27- JANUARY 1 VISIT TO DELHI. THE NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE TALKS WITH MRS. GANDHI AND FOREIGN MINISTER SINGH BOTH SIDES MERELY REFERRED TO THEIR WELL KNOWN POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES. THE INDIANS MADE NO NEW SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE INDIAN OCEAN. KIRK EMPHASIZED STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ASIA AS THE WAY TO BRING COUNTRIES IN THE REGION CLOSER TOGETHER--AND ANSWERING PRESS QUESTIONS SAID THE SOVIET COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL TENDED TO DIVIDE COUNTRIES. INHHE OFFICIAL TALKS THE INDIANS EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH KIRK'S BILATERAL APPROACH AND MADE NO MENTION OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY.

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2. THE INDIANS PRESSED FOR INCREASED TRADE AND PROPOSED A JOINT VENTURE IN PAPER MANUFACTURE. KIRK POINTED OUT THAT NEW ZEALAND'S PAPER PRODUCTION WAS FULLY COMMITTED AND AGREED ONLY TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF A JOINT VENTURE AND EXPANDED TRADE GENERALLY. HE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED NEW ZEALAND AID IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY-- THE FIELD IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND'S ASSISTANCE HAS CONCENTRATED HERE -- AND THE HIGH COMMISSION BELIEVES ADDITIONAL PROJECTS MAY BE DEVELOPED IN THIS AREA.

3. THE NEW ZEALANDERS TOLD US IT WAS BASICALLY A GOOD WILL VISIT, WITH KIRK TAKING UP THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIM AT THE OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE SO THAT THE INDIANS WOULD NOT FEEL LEFT OUT FOLLOWING HIS SOUTH EAST ASIAN TOUR.
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